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MONUMENTS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of several historical monuments of Orissa is very pathetic and there is illegal possession on them;

(b) if so, the details thereof, monument-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a)to(c) There are seventy-eight monuments/sites in Orissa that are declared as of national importance. The monuments are in a good state of preservation. The following three monuments have been partially encroached upon:

Barabati Fort, Cuttack Sisupalgarh, Bhubaneswar Udaigiri and Khandagiri Caves, Bhubaneswar
In order to contain encroachments, the Archaeological Survey of India has issued notices under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 & Rules, 1959. The matter has also been taken up with the district authorities for eviction of encroachers.